Donnie Radcliffe interview (3/31-4/2, inc 114 hrs)
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Mrs. Mitchell at the organ in her Fifth Avenue apartment.

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leave some permanent memento to Blair House as their predecessors had.

She ordered needlepoint designs made of the presidential, vice presidential and departmental seals, she said. The cost came to about [illegible] apiece and when the bills went out, she said that First Lady Pat Nixon balked the most.

Mrs. Nixon was "horribly afraid of her status" being threatened, according to Mrs. Mitchell. "She resented the hell out of me. That's [illegible] I wanted to get out of Washington. I didn't want to compete with anybody."

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"I am sure that some time during the weekend somebody" told him about the burglary. When he found out, he [illegible] he did "nothing."

According to Mrs. Mitchell, her husband was asleep on the 17th in the [illegible] Hotel, sharing a [illegible] bed with her. At [illegible] a.m. ([illegible] p.m. Washington time) the phone rang. She said she thought, "Who in the [illegible] is calling us at [illegible] o'clock?" when she picked up the receiver. She heard the operator say, "The White House is calling. We have Mr. Haldeman for Mr. Mitchell."

Though Mitchell took the call in the adjoining living room at her request, Mrs. Mitchell swears "to God in you[illegible]" that neither her husband nor any of [illegible] "characters" from the Committee for the Re-election of the [illegible]

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She says it is one of many things she knows and why John Mitchell and his former associates are "scared to death" of her.

She did not want to go to California that weekend, she says, because "they had been working me to death" that spring and she was tired. CRP had Vice President Agnew out for "a few speeches, and Bob Dole and Martha Mitchell, while the rest of them were home doing dirty tricks."

She says that Pat Nixon was not pulling her load or "following what she was supposed to do . . . she never did [illegible] was supposed [illegible]

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